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1. During the summer of 1953, new fortifications were built between the Khaskovo - Kharmanlii road and the Maritsa River. The center of these fortifications is located 1.5 kilometers north of the road, three kilometers before reaching the Kharmanlii Barracks.
2. Trenches and gun emplacements have been excavated. Behind the trenches there are underground tunnels built of bricks and concrete. These tunnels are 12-15 kilometers long and 5-6 meters wide.
3. In 1952, Trudovaks built fortified lines and antitank obstacles between the villages of Bulgarin (N 41-58, E 25-57) and Rogozinovo (N 41-55, E 25-58). Work has recently started on a fortified line between Bulgarin and Shishmanovo (N 41-59, E 25-55).
4. During the entire summer of 1953, work continued on a defense line from Simeonovgrad (N 42-03, E 25-50) to Pustrogor (N 41-50, E 26-12). At this latter village, above the Syudyundiu River, some concrete bunkers were built during the German occupation. These bunkers have been repaired and extended. An old antitank ditch running from Simeonovgrad to Malko Levka<sup>1</sup> has been repaired. Barbed wire entanglements are located 150-200 meters behind this ditch.

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1. Comments Possibly a reference to Stara Levka (N 41-51, E 26-15).

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